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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF FORMER ASTRONAUT CONRAD

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1. SINCE RECEIPT OF REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS BEEN TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REACH CONTACTS IN YOUTH CHAPTER (JUGEND ARBEITSGRUPPE COSMOS) OF GDR ASTRONAUTIC ASSOCIATION WHEN THEY FINALLY WERE REACHED EARLIER THIS WEEK, THEY STATED THAT "BECAUSE OF INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES," THEIR ACTIVITIES WERE LIMITED FOR THE TIME BEING. UPON CLOSER QUESTIONING IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE PARENT ORGANIZATION, THE GDR ASTRONAUTIC ASSOCIATION, WAS ATTEMPTING TO CUT BACK THE YOUTH CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, WHICH HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL THAN THOSE OF THE PARENT ORGANIZATION.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE SITUATION, THE CONTACTS STATED THEY COULD DO NOTHING TO FORWARD THE VISIT AND THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP SOLELY THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS. THEY STATED THAT THEY REGRETTED THIS SITUATION VERY MUCH AND HOPED TO BE ABLE AT LEAST TO SEE CONRAD, IF NOT TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN PLANNING HIS VISIT. THEY ADDED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR HIM "UNOFFICIALLY" AS THEY DID USIA SCIENCE ADVISOR, SI BOURGIN, LAST YEAR,

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BUT REALIZED THAT THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH AN

ASTRONAUT.

3. THE P AND C OFFICER OFFERED A BRIEF VISIT BY CONRAD IN

JUNE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REFTTEL THROUGH THE OFFICIAL  
CHANNEL AT THE GDR MFA MARCH 11. A PROMPT RESPONSE WAS  
REQUESTED SO THAT PLANNING OF THE ITINERARY COULD PROCEED.COOPER

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